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SUBJECT: INTEGRATED EMERGENCY PROGRAM

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1. PLEASE GIVE FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO FRYDENLUND WHEN YOU SEE HIM SEPTEMBER 11.

2. THE UNITED STATES IS VERY DISAPPOINTED TO LEARN FROM UNDER SECRETARY ARNESEN THAT THE GON HAS NOT YET BEEN ABLE TO COMPLETE THE NECESSARY POLITICAL PROCESSES TO TAKING A FIRM DECISION TO JOIN THE IEP AT THE ECG MEETING SEPTEMBER 19/20. IN OUR ESTIMATION, THE ABILITY OF THE INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES TO ACT IN SOLIDARITY IN A NEW OIL CURTAILMENT IS FUNDAMENTAL TO OUR CONTINUED GROWTH, AND TO THE MAINTENANCE OF THE OPEN FRAMEWORK OF COMMERCE AND INVISIBLE TRANSACTIONS ON WHICH THE PROSPERITY OF THE OECD COUNTRIES DEPENDS.

3. AS WE UNDERSTAND IT, THE NORWEGIAN GOVERNMENT SEES ITS INTERESTS IN THE SAME WAY. WE CONTINUE TO HOPE THAT THE NORWEGIAN GOVERNMENT CAN FIND THE NECESSARY PROCEDURES TO ACT ON THOSE INTERESTS AND JOIN OTHER INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES IN A PROGRAM OF ENERGY SOLIDARITY.

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COUNTRIES IN A PROGRAM OF ENERGY SOLIDARITY.

4. WITH THAT IN MIND, WE WOULD HAVE TWO SUGGESTIONS:

-- FIRST, WE WOULD HOPE THAT NORWAY COULD TAKE AT THE ECG MEETING A VIEW OF THE IEP THAT IS POSITIVE IN PRINCIPLE, AND PLAY A CONSTRUCTIVE ROLE IN SHAPING THE DETAILS OF THE PROGRAM, SO AS TO AVOID THE IMPRESSION OF A NEGATIVE ATTITUDE OR A SERIOUS RESERVE; AND

-- SECOND, WE WOULD PROPOSE TO TRY TO STRUCTURE THE AGREEMENT WE BELIEVE MOST OR ALL OTHER COUNTRIES WILL WISH TO REACH AT BRUSSELS AT THE NEXT ECG MEETING IN SUCH A WAY AS TO FACILITATE NORWEGIAN ACCESSION SUBSEQUENT TO THAT MEETING, BUT PRIOR TO FORMAL CONSTITUTION OF THE IEP IN THE OECD FRAMEWORK SAY, IN EARLY OCTOBER.

5. IF THIS APPROACH IS ACCEPTABLE, SUGGEST YOU INVESTIGATE FURTHER WITH GON AS TO HOW WE MIGHT BEST COORDINATE WITH NORWAY BILATERALLY TO CARRY THIS OUT IN ADVANCE OF THE ECG MEETING. SENIOR US OFFICIAL (FYI JLKATZ, DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC AND BUSINESS AFFAIRS END FYI) WOULD BE AVAILABLE IN BRUSSELS SEPTEMBER 18. KISSINGER

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